

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. There can be little doubt that the rules proposed by Michael Powell do not positively effect anyone but large media barons who promote only their own financial interests•and not the general public•s.

To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements. Media has become a cloistered •brotherhood• where only the rich need apply. Case in point: The new Tennis Channel, where Steve Bellamy, a man with NO professional television experience whatsoever, was hired as PRESIDENT of this new network because of a cozy relationship with Frank Biondi, CEO of Viacom. It•s safe to say that there are countless examples of this kind of •insider trading• going on, all while new •niche• cable TV networks are being told, •I•m sorry, we just don•t have the bandwidth to accommodate you.•

At the very least, the studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing more media outlets to merge, both print and broadcast, a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens. No longer will television act in the public interest; and thus, the result will be a monopoly wielded to narrow self-interests, much like the railroad tycoons of a century ago.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public BEFORE making a decision that is sure to be irreversible. After all, Americans from all walks of life are those who will be most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

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